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1. STEEL OF UKUN TOLD MISOFF HE BELIEVES FRENCH PROPOSAL TO HOLD FOUR POWER CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS ON 15 AND 16 JANUARY IS INOPPORTUNE. HE THINKS PARTICIPATION OF THOSE WHO WILL REPRESENT THEIR GOVERNMENTS IN THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE IS NECESSARY, WHICH WOULD BE BEST REALIZED IF THE SITE FOR THE CONSULTATIONS WERE NEW YORK, AND 15 AND 16 JANUARY IS TOO EARLY AND INCONVENIENTLY OCCURS AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SC REVIEW OF THE MIDDLE EAST. STEEL IS PASSING THESE INFORMAL VIEWS TO THE FRENCH MISSION HERE AND WILL BE SEEKING LONDON'S CONCURRENCE.

2. ON THE POSSIBLE MEXICAN INVITATION, HE SAID THE UK WOULD NOT OBJECT TO HOLDING THE COMMITTEE SESSION IN MEXICO CITY PROVIDED MEXICO WILL PAY ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS TO THE UN, WHICH

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IS APPARENTLY THEIR INTENTION. IT WOULD BE MARGINALLY MORE

EXPENSIVE FOR THE UK TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE COMMITTEE AT A MEXICO CITY SESSION, BUT THIS WOULD NOT BE A SUFFICIENT REASON TO OPPOSE A MEXICAN INVITATION WERE IT FORMALIZED. HE THOUGHT THE FACT THAT MEXICO IS A CHARTER REVIEW PROPOSER WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PRODUCT. HOWEVER, UKUN HOPED THE SAME DATES WOULD BE KEPT IF THE MEETING WERE TO BE IN MEXICO CITY (17 FEBRUARY - 12 MARCH); THE MEXICAN MISSION HERE HAD SAID THAT SOME OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE TAKING THE OPPOSITE VIEW BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WISH TO BE AWAY FROM NEW YORK DURING CONSULTATIONS PREPARATORY TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE SESSION (WHICH BEGINS 15 MARCH).

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